

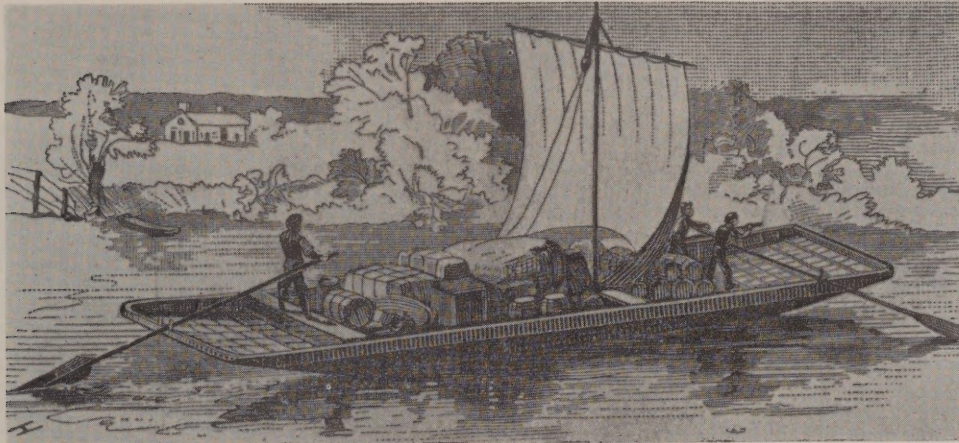
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River Cargo Boat—1814—With Wind and Current

## Boating On The Merrimac

This strange craft was often seen on the Merrimack river here in the early 1800's. It was a cargo boat with a sail built to carry loads between the end of the Middlesex Canal at Middlesex Village and Concord, N. H.

The first bridge to span the Merrimack was built at Pawtucket Falls in 1792. People traveled, then mostly on horseback and oxen were depended on to transport heavy loads. But in the spring, when the river was at its height it was thronged with logs going down to market. Lumber was needed for ships at Newburyport. It was rafted down the river. But at the head of the falls the rafts had to be broken up and the logs hauled by teams to the landing below where they were again made into rafts and sent down river. But the Locks and Canals Company built the Pawtucket Canal in 1792 so that the rafts could be put through the canal and go on down the river intact. Dudley Atkins Tyng, a native of Newburyport was an official of the Locks and Canals Company at that time. He had come to Tyngsborough to live and take up his inheritance from his aunt Madam Sarah Winslow, consisting in part of her "Mansion House," (now owned by the "Marist Brothers,") many acres of land extending from the river to Massapoag Pond as well as one half of Tyng's Island and land on the banks of the Merrimack near Pawtucket Falls.

Boston at this time had about 20,000 inhabitants, Medford, Woburn and Chelmsford were small villages and Lowell had not yet been born. Turnpikes and toll roads were the principal way for farm goods, lumber, granite and merchandise to reach the city.

Hon. James Sullivan of Boston, Supreme Court Judge conceived a plan to build a canal 27½ miles long, from Boston to the Merrimack River at Middlesex Village and with a lock where boats could put into the Merrimack and go on up to Concord, N. H. by-passing various falls by short canals, a continuous route of 80 miles.

He with Loammi Baldwin and others petitioned for the incorporation of a company to construct such a canal. The Middlesex Canal was started in 1794 and completed in 1803. Other similar but shorter canals were built further up the river at Wicasee (Tyng's Island), Cromwell's, Taylor's, Hill's and Blodgett's at Amoskeag. Until by 1807 the system of locks and dams was navigable.

Tyngsborough at this time was a thriving town. It had three stores that kept all kinds of goods, a tavern, a tailor, a carpenter, a cooper, a wheelwright, hatter, harnessmaker, saddler, two shoemakers, a blacksmith shop, a grist mill, a carding mill and two saw mills, a tan house, bark mill, tan yard, currier's shop and a whip shop. All this and more is told by Mrs. Harriet Littlehale in the 1904 V.I.A. Annual.

The Middlesex Canal brought more business to Tyngsborough. In 1795, the Middlesex Canal Corporation bought two lots of land in Tyngsborough of Reuben Butterfield, at a cost of \$400. One was called the ledge or wood lot and from this stone was later taken out and shipped by canal boats for building the State Prison at Charlestown. The other lot contained land opposite Wicasee or Island brook across from Tyng's Island.

In 1810 John L. Sullivan, Agent, of the Middlesex Canal Corporation describes the lock and canal at Wicasee Falls, near Tyng's Island. "A rapid for half a mile between an island (Tyng's Island) and the western shore is crossed by a dam of stone and timber 200 yards long. This raises the water above a foot which saved digging on the other side of the Island where the lock is placed." Remnants of this lock may still be seen at low water. This lock and dam cost \$14,000.00 and the labor was performed by 100 men.

In 1817 Roger L. Littlehale sold land bounded west by Island Brook opposite Wicasee Lock, to the Middlesex Corporation.

The building of the Pawtucket Dam in 1822 made this lock and dam at Tyng's Island unnecessary by raising the water level above that at Wicasee Falls. The rocks of the falls may sometimes be seen now off the lower end of the island.

A boarding house was built on the island for the lock tender. A landing place and a store were built at Tyngsborough and another at Nashua. Granite for the U. S. Bank and Quincy market at Boston were quarried in Tyngsborough by Charles Hollis and floated down the canal to Boston.

In 1811 the Middlesex Turnpike was completed (part of this is our Middlesex Road). A stage made regular trips from Boston to Amherst, N. H. A toll house was built opposite the Island where a gate tender lived. Toll was paid for 15 or 20 years.

In June of 1812 war with Great Britain was declared. In the fall of this year the first canal boat that ever plied the Merrimack was constructed at Bedford Center, N. H. It was launched at Basswood Landing on the Piscataquog near the bridge by 40 yoke of oxen, amid the cheers of a large crowd. It was named the "Experiment." It was loaded with lumber and made its trip to Boston where it was greeted with shouts and the firing of cannon. Isaac Riddle was its Captain.

About the same time a canal boat was built in the Village of Nashua by Robert Fletcher with sides 5 or 6 feet in height all around and doors. It was looked upon as a wonder. It was launched July 4th with great celebration on the Merrimack near the mouth of the Nashua River and was named the "Nashua."

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## Report of The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Village Improvement Association was called to order by the President Curtiss L. Lustig at 7:45 P.M. on Thursday, November 13, 1952 in the lower Town Hall. A delicious Turkey Pie dinner was served to over fifty people.

The report of the Clerk was read by the retiring clerk Miss Anna F. Elliott. Also read and accepted were the reports of the Treasurer, the Auditor, the Executive Committee, the Playground Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee: Mr. Preston Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Spindell reported the following slate of officers for election.

President—Mr. R. D. Lambert  
 1st Vice Pres.—Mr. Albert Holdsworth  
 2nd Vice Pres.—Mr. Curtiss L. Lustig  
 Clerk and Corresponding Secretary—  
 Mrs. Robert D. Lambert  
 Treasurer—Mr. Roscoe C. Turner  
 Auditor—Mr. R. W. Sherburne  
 Executive Committee for three years—  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Stratton

The Clerk was directed to cast one ballot for the election of these officers.

A beautiful centerpiece was placed on the head table in memory of the members who had passed away. A page in the record was dedicated to Katherine F. Flanagan, a former member of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Kenney reported the need of additional earphones for the Audiometer for the school. Since the V.I.A. paid one-third of the original cost it was voted to pay one-third of the additional amount.

There was a discussion of the Clean-up Days, and it was suggested that people might call if they had any trash to be picked up. It was finally left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

At 8:30 Mr. Lustig introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. John Brox, State Representative and former Dracut Selectman. The subject of his interesting and informative talk was Zoning. Mr. Brox covered the problem from the creation of a committee at Town Meeting, through the hiring of a Zoning Engineer, to the Master Plan, and finally the acceptance of town by-laws. A lively question period followed.

Invited guests included Mrs. John Brox, Mrs. William F. Slade, and Dr. Slade who gave the invocation and benediction.

Barbara H. Lambert,  
Clerk

## Executive Committee Report

During the last year there have been carried on the traditional activities of the V.I.A.

The Annual Report was published and a very successful fair held in March. The Committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make it worth while.

An excellent job was done by the Playground Committee keeping so many children busy and interested during the early summer.

The Christmas tree was lighted with the financial assistance of the V.I.A. and three other town organizations.

The Town Beach was cleaned up and sanded. A life preserver was installed with rope and rack.

A successful clean-up day was held in April. The results of the October clean-up day were very disappointing.

Many thanks are due to Miss Elliott, Mr. B. R. Currier and Mr. Chester Queen for the many years of service to the V.I.A. in their respective capacities.

It is with regret that the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. LaFrance has been accepted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martin E. Betz

Treasurer's Report For Year Ending  
October 31, 1952

## RECEIPTS

Balance November 1, 1951	\$1,015.84
Membership Dues	77.00
Advertising Receipts 1951 Annual Paper	15.50
Advertising Receipts 1952 Annual Paper	242.00
Receipts from Annual Meeting Nov. 1951	36.03
Receipts from Military Whist Nov. 17, 1951	29.41
Gift from Women's Club of Evangelical Church toward painting Town Hall Dining Room	8.00
Receipts from Annual Fair Mar. 13 and 14, 1952	
Fancy Table	\$ 63.62
Novelty Table	29.10
Candy Table	32.00
Farmers Table	40.28
Childrens Table	23.15
Flower Table	33.25
Grab Table	13.60
Tonic Table	12.95
Supper, one night	112.69
Door, two nights	169.65
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	\$ 530.29

Interest on Savings Accounts	6.16
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	\$1,960.23

## PAYMENTS

Cost of Annual Meeting November 1951	
Tickets	\$ 2.55
Turkey	35.38
Other supper supplies	23.43
Flowers	5.00
Labor	2.00
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	\$ 68.36
Cost of Whist Party November 17, 1951	
One Live Turkey	\$7.50
Advertising	2.75
Do-Nuts	8.00
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	\$ 18.25
Cost of Annual Fair Mar. 13 and 14, 1952	
Royalty on play	\$17.50
Internal Revenue Tax	33.93
Decorations	15.76
Village Players	40.00
Tickets	15.45
Advertising	7.87
Supper Supplies	85.76
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	\$ 216.27
Spring Clean-up, Truck, Labor and Advertising	71.25
Fall Clean-up, Truck, Labor and Advertising	74.40
Fall Clean-up 1951, Advertising	2.75
Postage for Treasurer	2.70
Service charges of Bank, Checking Account	3.31
V.I.A.'s share, painting Town Hall Dining Room	100.00
Used Gas Hot Water Heater, Town Hall Kitchen	100.00
Installing Water Heater	50.50
V.I.A.'s share, wiring Municipal Christmas Tree	6.25
55 yards gravel for Town Beach	44.00
Protection Equipment for Town Beach	33.90
Printing V.I.A. Annual Paper 1952	293.00
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Total Payments	\$1,084.94
Cash Balance	875.29
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	\$1,960.23

Total Assets of V.I.A. October 31, 1952	
Union National Bank, Checking Account	\$ 376.11
Union National Bank, Savings Account	144.48
Lowell Institution for Savings	204.70
U. S. Bond, purchased June 14, '41, at cost (Bond will Mature in 1953 at \$200.00)	150.00
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	\$ 875.29

Respectfully submitted,  
Roscoe C. Turner  
Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

November 10, 1952

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and cash balance as stated.

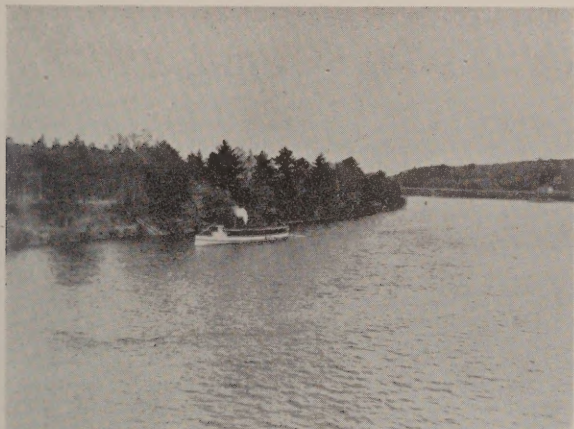
Raymond W. Sherburne  
Auditor



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The river boats were 45 to 75 feet in length, the width being limited for their passage through the canals and locks to 9 or 9½ feet, narrowing at the ends and flat bottomed across the center but rounded up at bow and stern, so that while they were but 3 feet deep at mid length the sides were barely a foot in height at the extremities.

Two inch pine planks were used in their construction, these being spiked to 3 by 4 inch cross joints and side knees of oak, with cross timbers of the same wood at the ends. The seams were calked with oakum and pitched. A stout plank nailed across from side to side about a foot forward of midway served to strengthen the boat and give support to the mast.



Thompson's Steamer Below the Bridge

H. L. Littlehale

The mast was a spar about 25 feet long and six inches in its largest diameter. A foothold or step was fixed in the bottom of the boat under the cross plank, to receive it, and it was further steadied by the cross-plank, which was slotted to admit it when set up and had a wedge and staple arrangement to hold it in place. A cross yard with a square sail attached which could be hoisted or lowered at pleasure by rope over a single block at the top of the mast, completed the sailing outfit. It was only used upon the river under favoring wind, the mast being struck and stowed in the boat when passing the larger canals.

Two bowmen propelled the boat by 15 foot pike poles made of ash, the lower end armed with an iron point. The skipper at the stern kept the boat on its course with a 20 foot steering pole. The cargo was piled along the middle of the boat.

Going downstream scull oars were used to propel the boat. The steersman had also a pike pole and sculling oar to give help if needed. The men were skilled fishermen and raftsmen strong and sturdy. Bert Hadley's Uncle Frank was one of the boatmen and his father Stephen Wilson was a river man all his life.

The strength required of these men may be seen by the following; Joseph M. Rowell rafted in one day two lots of lumber from Curtis Eddy nearly opposite No. 5 Amoskeag Mill to Litchfield, nine miles and walked back each time with a forty pound scull oar on his shoulder. For this day's double work he got paid \$3. Despite the hardship of his early life he lived to a good old age.

In 1814 boating began from Charleston to Concord and regular trips were run by the Merrimack Boating Co. beginning in June 1815, continuing for 30 years. The boating began as soon as the river was clear of ice in the spring and continued until cold weather. It took 5 days for the trip up and 4 for the trip down. 20 tons was an average load up to Lowell and 15 up to Concord except at low water, when only half that could be carried.

When teams did the hauling the rate charged was \$20. per ton. But the river boat charge was \$13.50 up and \$8.50 down. Later the rates were reduced gradually to \$5. up and \$4. down. The largest number of boats allowed on the river at one time was twenty. The loads carried were salt, lime, cement, plaster, hardware, leather, liquors, iron, glass, grindstones, cordage, and paints going up and farm produce, lumber, fire-wood, stone and merchandise going down.

The Merrimack Boating Co. was succeeded in 1823 by the Concord Boating Co. and that gave up business in 1844. The packet boats ran through the Middlesex Canal during this same time and made connections with the river boats and steamers and railroad. They are a story in themselves and space will not permit telling it here. The last boat through the canal was run on Nov. 25, 1851. It was owned by Dix & Rand, in charge of Sam'l King. Its cargo 18 T stone and 2 cords pine wood. The coming of the railroad was the downfall of the canal.

Mr. Reuben Butterfield Sherburne who was connected with the Merrimack Boating and for years Clerk of the Concord Boating Co. was a brother of William Sherburne, who lived where Mr. Spindell lives now, and although not a resident of Tyngsborough himself he was at one time a student at the Winslow Academy here. A sketch of the Middlesex Canal and Boating Co. written by him is published in the 1904 V.I.A. Annual. This gives lists of freight rates, loads and names of agents and various landings on the canal and river. He received as agent at Boston, \$600. per year. Theodore French, Agent at Concord Lower Landing received \$500. Mr. French made up the crews whose wages varied from \$15. to \$26. per month. He said that the greatest improvement made by the Concord Boating Co. was not to have the boats wait for freight or run light or empty, but to always have something ready at the landing to make full loads, such as salt, lime and plaster kept at Boston and wood at Concord. Granite was brought from Concord at \$3.50 per ton at the company's convenience.

In 1816 the road from Flint's Corner was built (Westford Road) and in 1818 that from the river road to Tyng's Pond (Mascuppic).

In 1815 the river boats were towed up river by a steam boat built by John L. Sullivan, Agent of the Middlesex Corporation. The Captain of this steamer was Israel Merrill. "This steamer was 70 ft. long and 9 ft. wide. It had 2 wheels on each side connected by a broad belt or chain, from which stood out at right angles to the chain, pieces of board, which as the wheels revolved were carried forward on the top of the wheel till they came to the forward wheel, when they were plunged into the water and passed back to the hind wheel, when they were carried up over the hind wheel, back to the forward wheel again to plunge into the water and propel the boat." The boat moved very slowly. As they backed out into the Merrimack 2 men with an empty boat, who were going to their home 5 miles up the river, pulled out in front, expecting the steamer would pass them and go out of sight up river. But the steamer moved so slowly they decided to race it. Mr. Sullivan, Agent of the Canal, was aboard the steamer. He asked them who they were and if they thought they could keep that pace. They said they could and kept on their way up to Tyngsborough where they lived. They were Moses Fletcher and William Wyman.

A year or two later another faster steamer was launched. She had a sharp bow and her stern slanted up from the water. She had one paddle wheel on each side.

Then in another year or two a river steamer was launched by the Boston, Concord Boating Co. It was 65 ft. long, 9 ft. wide at the bow and 7 ft. at the stern. She had two boilers consisting of two cylinders, one within the other about 3½ ft. in diameter by 15 ft. long. The inner cylinder being ½ the diameter of the outer. The inner one held the fire. The engine was of the revolving type and hung on two journals connected with a shaft that ran to the wheel at the stern, a bevel gear on that and on the wheel uniting. A part of the bottom of the stern (about 8 ft. long) was cut out to let the wheel in. This boat with about 50 lbs. of steam, would take 2 boats of its own size, with a load of 12 or 15 tons each, one on either side and propel them with great speed. This was built to serve as a tug boat from the Middlesex Canal to Concord, N. H., on the river.

Later a steamer called the "Herald" was built above Pawtucket Falls, launched in 1834, she made regular trips between Lowell and Nashua when Lowell had only 14,000 inhabitants and Nashua a few hundred. Jonathan Bowers says; "I was a boy, but I remember well when the keel of the steamer Herald was laid and when the ribs were put in from stem to stern. I remember distinctly the old steam box in which the planks were steamed. After she was completed I rode on her a good many times. She was a flat river boat." Daniel S. Richardson says of the first trip made by the Herald to Nashua. "It was after I entered college, but I was at home in Tyngsborough, on vacation, I think, and got aboard from a canoe, with several others; I think Priest Lawrence was one. We took dinner at the Indian Head House in Nashua. The Boston Brass Band was on board, and after dinner we listened to speeches and music. I knew Capt. Joel Stone very well." In 1838 she was lengthened to 90 feet and would carry 500 passengers. In 1840 she was taken around the falls by ox teams, put into the river at the landing below the falls and sent on down river to Newburyport and thence to N. Y. City where she was run as a ferry boat between that city and Brooklyn. Commander of this steamer for one year on the Merrimack above the falls was Capt Jacob Vanderbilt of Staten Island, N. Y. brother of the late Commodore Vanderbilt.

The next steamboat was built and owned by A. L. Wright and others. It was 45 ft. long, 7 or 8 ft. wide and had a sharp bow and a square stern. In the spring the ice coming down river broke her loose from her mooring and she was carried over the falls.

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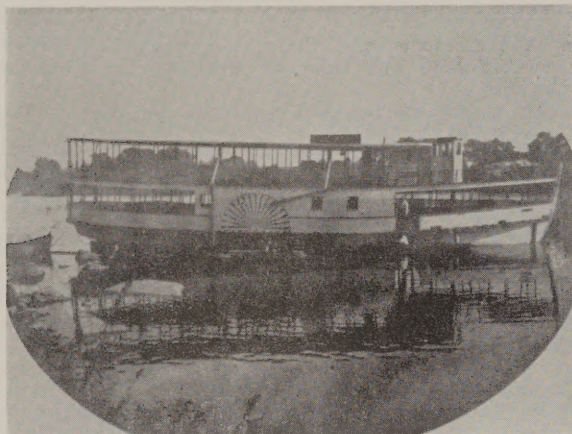


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Then came Mr. Williams' "Fairy Belle." Then, next season the seventh steamer was put in at North Chelmsford, owned by George Sheldon; and the eighth at the same place owned by Ziba Gay. Later another small boat the ninth was put on the river by Mr. Williams.

The tenth steamer the "Evangeline" was taken from Salem 'round to the Merrimack' through the canal at Lawrence, up river, over Hunts Falls, through the canal at Pawtucket Falls under her own power. Her engineer was W. S. Haines of the Wamesit Steam Mills.

In 1878 Albert Richardson and S. D. Chandler ran a steamboat called the "Lowell" that carried about 65 passengers.



The Governor Allen Aground on the Rocks

Roscoe C. Turner

When Edward B. Pierce bought Tyng's Island from the Brinley's he put out circulars announcing "Merrimack R.R. & Steamboat Co." showing a cut of the B. & M. tracks in the foreground with his good ship 'Pinafore' and two steam launches tied to the island wharf. The R.R. did not stand for Railroad but for River Rafting." The Pinafore was short and broad. Many trips were enjoyed in her to and from the island where Mr. Pierce had set up a lunch bar, dance platform and even a menagerie. The V.I.A. Annual for 1921 tells how the "Pinafore" was wrecked on the bar at the entrance to the creek. The Island was sold to Charles F. Keyes who kept a resort there and operated a side wheeler called th "City of Lowell" and later a boat with propeller named the "Merrimack."

In 1890 the Vesper Country Club bought the Island. Canoes were popular. Ralph Brazer had an Indian birch bark canoe. Paul Butler had a long war canoe and much of the time as many as a hundred canoes were stored at the Vesper Boat House at Lowell. Many trips were taken to Gilson's Brook, Woodlawn and other attractive spots in Tyngsborough. Harmony Grove Hall, on the east bank of the river above the bridge was a great attraction for steamer parties as there was a good sized wooden wharf for landing and Mrs. Mediros and her son Frank Sawyer made people welcome. Picnics, dances and even Sunday "Grove Meetings" were held there (V.I.A. Annual, 1933).

A long narrow steamer with two decks the "Daniel Gage" accommodating 200 passengers run by H. B. Bachelder brought gay parties to the old hall. As did the "May Queen" Master L. C. Prouty. The Grand Army men on Memorial Day came up the river on this steamer with their friends and a band. They were met at the landing by Mr. Peter Littlehale and other dignitaries and escorted across the iron bridge with mounted police headed by B. B. Lawrence to the music of the band to the Town Hall where Memorial Day exercises were held. All the children of the town and many of their elders joined the parade. One year a salute was fired from the boat. (Breaking the windows.)

The "May Queen" took fire one day just after landing a party of the Martin Luthers at Tyng's Island. She burned to the water's edge and sank but Capt. Prouty rebuilt her (see V.I.A. Annual 1897) so that she was really like a new boat, 25 ft. larger, with more length of beam, accommodating 250 passengers, drawing when loaded about 3 ft. of water. She was equipped with a new steam water-tube boiler of 75 horse power and a new engine of 50 horse power. She began making regular trips in May. Four round trips every Sunday with the usual stops along the way. Capt. Prouty also had a small steamer the "Vesper" but it was taken off the river and sent to Lake Mascuppig for use there in 1896.

From this time until 1909 Thompson's steamer and the Governor Allen made frequent trips between Lowell and Nashua with stops at Tyng's Island, Harmony Grove, and Woodlawn on the east bank and the Ferry Slip and Tavern near the depot on the west side. In the accompanying picture of the Gov. Allen aground at the Island, note the smoke stack lying on the roof. This was due to a device to clear the bridge. When approaching the bridge the whistle blew, the rope was pulled, and the smoke stack lowered. About this time Tyngsborough had its own Canoe Club of about 25 members and a Canoe House at the Ferry Landing.

When the Centennial Celebration was held in 1909, many had trips on the Governor Allen including the Winslow School Alumni. This was the last of the large steamers on the river.

Catharine W. Lambert

## The First Parish

In 1753, two hundred years ago, Henry Farwell deeded the land for church purposes, upon which the First Parish, established in 1755, built a meeting house for public worship. It had no ceiling, plastering, pews, pulpit, seats, fireplace nor steeple. The people stood during the service, the men on one side, the women on the other side. What few records exist are in the town books. They do not show that there was a settled minister, but do tell of money raised to, "hire preaching," and it is probable that regular meetings were held, and the house somewhat improved through the years. In 1789, Madame Sarah Winslow, daughter of Colonel Eleazer Tyng, offered a substantial donation of funds if the Parish would repair the building and settle a minister. Reverend Nathaniel Lawrence was called and was the pastor for nearly fifty years. A stern Calvinist in his early years, he mellowed, and became less harsh under the teachings of William Ellery Channing, and in his later years put more emphasis upon the Bible and less upon creed.

In 1834, by Legislative Act, relating to Religious Freedom, public support of preaching by taxation of all citizens ceased, and churches were organized and supported by voluntary membership. At once a group of Tyngsborough people, who were members of the South Chelmsford Baptist Church, together with others from neighboring towns, and some who withdrew from the First Parish Church, organized a Baptist Society, built a church and settled a minister. Thirty years later the building was sold to the town and is the present town hall. For many years the upper floor was used for the Winslow School and the lower floor was the town hall.

In 1836, the First Parish decided that the old building was beyond repair, and erected a new meeting house, which still stands in the village. The next July 4th, 1837, the ladies of the Parish met in the new building and signed the Constitution thus forming the "Ladies Association," for the purpose of individual improvement, and to raise by contribution and industry funds for carrying on the work of the church. With the name changed in 1890 to "Ladies Aid" and with the word "Alliance" added in 1919, when it joined the National General Alliance, it has continued to the present time, which makes it the oldest organization in town, other than the church itself.

A Universalist Society was gathered and in 1842, built a church across the street and a little north of the First Parish and nearly as large. It flourished greatly for many years and then declined until the building was sold at public auction and then in 1911, it burned.

It is noteworthy that within eight years after the passage of the act separating church and town affairs, three fine buildings were put up within sight of each other, by entirely voluntary contributions. The town hadn't kept one in good repair.

When Mr. Lawrence's successor, Reverend Horatio Wood was chosen in 1839, the First Parish was ready for the transition from Trinitarianism to Unitarianism. For over one hundred years, Mr. Wood has been followed by an unbroken line of Unitarian preachers, the last of whom Reverend Joseph H. Giunta accepted a call in November, 1952, to Reading, Mass. Since then the pulpit has been filled temporarily by some very able men, while the Parish now awaits the settlement of its twenty-ninth pastor since 1839.

Bertha M. Turner

## The Village Improvement Association

The Village Improvement Association is not an organization for the center of the town only. Its limits are the Tyngsborough town limits. We earnestly request that anyone and everyone interested in town improvement join this friendly group, become acquainted, and help us make the town a pleasant, friendly place in which to live. The dues are one dollar per year, payable to the treasurer, Roscoe C. Turner. Our objective—Town improvement.

Please join us.

The Committee



## Yes, There Are Churches

A man named John had a vision of a beautiful city. The remarkable thing about that city "there was no temple there." No church. There was no need of a church. The city was Heaven—no need of a church for everyone there was good and true and loving.

Not many people, especially families with children growing up, would want to live in this world in "a city without a church" or "a town without a church."

We should appreciate the churches in Tyngsborough. They have proven their worth through the years.

They have summoned to worship with various points of view. They have provided wholesome social life and fruitful organizations for creative activities and community services.

The churches have given a Christian emphasis to many marriages, have given a Christian name to many babies through baptism, and have given a Christian burial to those who have passed on.

In the churches prayer is offered for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who suffer through sin and failure and loss.

The benefits that the churches of Tyngsborough have brought to the people of all ages would make a long record.

It is noteworthy that so many of our inhabitants appreciate the churches, attend their services and support their activities.

Wm. F. Slade

## The Ladies' Aid Alliances—First Parish Church

The Ladies Aid Alliance of The First Parish Church has fulfilled many worthwhile projects in the past year.

The main church floor has been sanded, oiled and waxed; bringing out the natural beauty of the old wide pine boards.

A long needed well has been drilled on the church property. It will be the means of more activities in the old meeting house, when water is installed.

A red velvet curtain was purchased for the choir railing, and a very beautiful old sofa, given as a gift to the church for the altar by Miss Anna Elliott, was covered in the same church red velvet.

A complete electrical rewiring job was done.

A most successful May Breakfast and plant sale was held in the vestry of the church.

Table space was hired from Mrs. Ruth Boucher for a white elephant table at her antique show held in October.

A very profitable Christmas Fair and Food Sale was held in the vestry of the church in November.

A Christmas party was given to the Sunday School children as usual.

Last Spring a rug class was formed by the Alliance. The group met each Tuesday in the vestry of the church. Mrs. Edward Moss has given much time helping people to learn to hook and braid rugs. Many beautiful rugs have been completed.

As the summer progressed all day meetings were held in the yards of Mrs. Adelard LeBlanc and Mrs. Arnold Mauritson. Over open fireplaces materials were dyed and blended to give the shaded effects so necessary in rug making.

Just recently we have hired Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Chelmsford to teach tray painting and furniture stenciling. This has proven to be the most popular course of all. The class meets each Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Arnold Mauritson. It is also open to the public, and the fee is one dollar each lesson.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Leonard, President

## Pilgrim Fellowship

The officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship for 1953 are as follows:

President	Curtiss Guild
Vice President	E. Boyd Trask
Secretary	Marilyn Guild
Treasurer	Nancy Farrow

During the past year the group has met each Monday night at the Church with Dr. and Mrs. Slade and Mrs. R. D. Lambert as advisors. The programs have been quite varied, including, colored slides and movies from other countries, a talk on war torn Greece by Mr. Thomas of Lowell, a 'safe driving' lecture by a member of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and quiz games and folk dancing. Some of the outside social activities included, skating parties, Christmas caroling, bowling, and a hay ride.

In January four of our members attended the Andover Conference for Pilgrim Fellowships. MANY INSPIRING IDEAS WERE BROUGHT back from this meeting, and some of the projects are now under way.

## The Evangelical Congregational Church

The Evangelical Congregational Church has had some changes during the past year. Mrs. John Riley, for over twenty years the organist of the church, resigned in September, as she is living out of town and found it too difficult to continue this activity in the church. An appropriate gift was presented to her by the congregation in gratitude, not only for the high level of ministry in music rendered by her through the years, but for her friendly, cooperative spirit in the work of the church. Mr. Donald Hankinson is now playing the organ. The choir has continued its good work under the direction of Miss Olive Littlehale.

The pastor of the church, Dr. Slade, resigned in the summer to take effect in November. There was considerable difficulty in finding a minister to take up the pastorate of the church, and with Dr. Slade's returning health, the church voted to ask him to continue as pastor of the church indefinitely.

The Pilgrim Fellowship Young People have been fortunate to have as their advisor, Mrs. Robert Lambert.

Through this period of change, all departments of the church have continued to flourish under their various leaders, showing how important is the lay leadership of a church at all times.

One important improvement on the church, financed by the Ladies' Social Circle, was the building of a new foundation under that part of the church that was not renewed at the time the new basement addition was made. The installation of a deep well pump and the renewing of pipes was financed by the Evangelical Woman's Club, while the Sunday School, assisted by several church members, enlarged the Sunday School room for Nursery and Beginner children. By constantly keeping at the repairs and improvements on the property each year, the church can continue to be a credit to the community in its appearance and usefulness.

May the moral and spiritual influence of the church in the community continue and become more effective as the years pass as all people in the community come to realize the importance of God's way in their lives and in the world.

## Evangelical Woman's Club

In January of 1952 the Woman's Club met at a local restaurant for the annual Banquet and election of officers. Thereafter the regular meetings, at 8 o'clock on the third Tuesday of the month, were held at members homes.

A Guest Night Dinner at the Tyngsborough Country Club in May was a new venture which pleased members and guests so much that it will be repeated this year—again in May.

In addition to the usual upkeep, the Parsonage water supply system presented a problem calling for a great deal of investigation and thought. It was finally solved by the purchase and installation of new piping and a new water pump of the deep well type. This very necessary and expensive procedure meant careful curtailment of some club activities during the remainder of the year, but with a fine thrifty program and good member cooperation the year was weathered well and the budget more than balanced.

Joining the Ladies' Social Circle in a series of cooperative food sales netted a new interest in that source of revenue as well as a better understanding of individual and club problems and policies.

Two out-of-the-routine parties highlighted the year. One, when Ruth MacAskill visited town on return from her now regular hospital-polio check-up; and two, when a farewell party was tendered Freida Driscoll as she returned to residence in New York.

A testing period proved that a Press and Publicity Chairman had a very real service to the club in general and to Chairman in particular, so the By-laws were lengthened to include that office.

Community service was expressed officially by monetary contributions to the March of Dimes, Red Cross, Tuberculosis and Community Chest Drives. Two Student Community Concert tickets were purchased for use by the young people and transportation supplied them. Gift boxes were sent to boys in service overseas at Christmas time.

Unofficially community services also benefited by individual member volunteers, and visits, aid and comfort for those sick, with cards or flowers sent to both sick and bereaved.

The Woman's Club feels deeply, its responsibilities to the Community, and is gratified for the Community response to its endeavors.

Helene Spencer Riley, President





### Lions Club

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest, as well as the most active service organization in the world—growing at the rate of about 65 new clubs each month. The Association's principal objective is to render unselfish service in the communities where clubs have been established.

The Tyngsborough Lions Club was organized in 1948. During the four and one-half years since the granting of its charter by the International Association, it has sponsored or collaborated in many services to the community—especially services benefiting the pupils of the Winslow School. For example:

1—It sponsored the purchase of the audiometer for the Winslow School.

2—It contributed to the fund from which eye-glasses were purchased for pupils of the Dunstable School who needed assistance in their purchase.

3—It underwrote the milk fund at the Winslow School, thus guaranteeing milk at recess time well below cost.

4—It purchased Reflecto-light Kits and installed them on the bicycles of the children of the town who applied for them.

5—It purchased book covers for the pupils of the Winslow School.

6—It shared in the expense of lighting the tree on the town hall lawn at Christmas time.

7—It shared in the expense of additional ear phones to be used in connection with the audiometer.

8—It subscribes annually to many national charities such as the Children's Health Center, the Heart Fund, the Community Chest, the March of Dimes and the Christmas Seal Campaign.

The two outstanding social events of the 1951-1952 season were the Pop Concert held at the Tyngsborough Country Club, and the Sport Night Dinner held in honor of the Tyngsborough boys who performed so outstandingly on the Lowell High School football squad.

The proceeds from the Pop Concert were earmarked for the benefit of the pupils of the Winslow School. The earphones mentioned above were purchased from this fund.

Dinner meetings are held monthly except during the summer months when the Board of Directors meets periodically to discuss matters of policy. Interesting programs are planned for those meetings not designated as business meetings.

The member's interest in Lionism is evidenced by meeting attendance and, more particularly, by the many projects the Club sponsors.

Following is a list of officers for the current year:	
King Lion	Francis S. Coles
First Vice President	Preston S. Fay
Second Vice President	Edward H. O'Connor
Third Vice President	Louis F. Spindell
Secretary	George R. Robeson
Treasurer	Eugene J. Corcoran
Lion Tamer	Gerard J. Driscoll
Tail Twister	Frank C. Herrmann
Director	John W. Lewis
Director	Martin E. Betz
Historian	Earle R. Stratton
Earle R. Stratton, Historian	

### March Of Dimes

It is gratifying to report that the returns from dime cards for the prevention and cure of infantile paralysis has been very good, better than last year. Even so, I feel that more could be done in this town if the executive work could be spread out a little more. No doubt a Mother's March would have done as well proportionately as it has in other communities, and possibly other means could be devised for paying the expense of the dime cards and postage. If the whole matter were sponsored by some service club, such as the Lions Club, there could be several committees to take care of different projects, and not depend entirely on dime cards. The cause is a worthy one and I trust you will give these suggestions your consideration before the next drive arrives.

Raymond W. Sherburne

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Respectfully,  
James A. Dingle, Master

**Robert D. Pelletier Post No. 247**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #247 meets the second Thursday of the month. The meetings are held in the Legion quarters in charge of the following officers:

President	Daisy Wilkins
Sr. Vice President	Yvonne A. Wilkins
Jr. Vice President	Grace V. Stratton
Treasurer	Dorothy F. Magoon
Secretary	Gladys Robinson
Chaplain	Bertha M. Knight
Historian	Anna B. Cobleigh
Sergeant-at-arms	Edith Carter
Executive Committee	Gertrude LaFrance
	Christina Bell
	Mary E. Flanders

The annual Poppy Sale was held in May. Our unit participated in the Memorial Day services.

Mrs. Mary Dean, District Director and Mrs. Eva Costello, Sergeant-at-arms, assisted by the Middlesex County Cadets were the installing officers at the installation services in November.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone for helping with our Christmas gifts for the veterans at Bedford.

A successful Military Whist Party was held in December. We have had penny socials and other activities to raise funds.

In January our unit was co-sponsor for a dance held at the V.A. hospital in Bedford. We furnished the orchestra for the occasion.

Contributions have been made to the Red Cross, the Children's Medical Center in Boston and other worthy organizations.

We would like to have all women that are eligible, join the Auxiliary. The larger our membership, the more the unit can accomplish.

Gladys Robinson, Secretary

**Industrious Club**

The Industrious Club is a social as well as an industrious organization. We meet the second Thursday of each month. We have all-day meetings with dinner served at 12:30 P.M. The officers are as follows:

President	Louise Downs
Vice President	Ethel Sherburne
Secretary & Treasurer	Ethel Sargent

We meet at different members homes each month. We have an annual bus trip to Salem Willows and occasionally have dinner at some local restaurant. There are no dues just a silver collection taken at each meeting. We use the money to send cards to the sick and shut-ins as well as giving donations to the Community Chest, Jimmy Fund, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Children's Home and Children's Medical Center.

Anyone wishing to join the club is very welcome.

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Secretary—William Bell

The TYNGSBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, STATION NO. 2 is an Organization which was formed three years ago by a group of men interested in the Fire Department of this town.

The primary purpose of organizing was to take advantage of courses in firefighting sponsored by the State, and to hold drill periods so that a group of trained men would be available when an emergency occurs.

This has been accomplished and today the Town of Tyngsborough has over fifty men who have been instructed in the proper way of fighting fires.

Secondly, the need of Stewards to keep the trucks in readiness and the Station-house in order was considered, and the Association provides men for that purpose.

Thirdly, the need of personal equipment was considered, and the Association has used funds donated by the townspeople to purchase boots, helmets, raincoats, etc. to protect the men who answer the call when an emergency is sounded.

Lastly, the association is a social organization and many Whist Parties have been run to raise funds, and to bring the townspeople into the fire station to see their fire-fighting equipment first hand. Also, parties have been held for the younger children at Hallowe'en and Christmas time which the children seem to enjoy immensely.

The TYNGSBOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, STATION NO. 2 is not a closed organization, and we would welcome any men who would like to join and assist us in our chosen obligations.

Officers 1953

Chairman—Maurice Coyle

Treasurer—Elwood Allen

Chairman-elect—James McDowell

Secretary—William Bell

Respectfully submitted,  
William O. Bell, Secretary

## Parent-Teacher Association

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Winslow School now meets the first Tuesday of each month during the school year with the exception of January. At the present time there are approximately 212 members, the largest ever recorded in the organization.

A food sale and a Military Whist have been held this year to raise money for the purpose of acquiring much needed properties for the school. Expenses were shared with other town organizations in purchasing 12 sets of ear phones for the audiometer used in testing the hearing of every pupil. A tape recorder was also obtained during the year as was half a film library for the film strip projector bought last year.

Programs during the year have included a movie entitled Emotional Needs of Children, a panel discussion on Needs and Possibilities of Expanding the Tyngsborough School System, a colorful Christmas Pageant with choral singing and a panel discussion on English Importance with an exhibit on the old and new techniques and tools used in teaching.

The officers of the association are:

President	Mr. Richard Starkey
Vice-President	Mrs. John Robinson
Secretary	Mrs. Fletcher Pyle
Treasurer	Mrs. Valmos Stone

Committee chairmen are:

Ways and Means	Mrs. George Bell
Hospitality	Mrs. Warren Riley
Membership	Mrs. Ernest Sullivan
Program	Mrs. Paul Crowley

The faculty and officers are grateful to the many people who have contributed so immeasurably to the success of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Pyle

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## The Tyngsborough-Dunstable Historical Society

The Historical Society has had a successful year with well attended meetings.

As for a number of years, the November meeting with Miss Anna Elliott in charge, was held in the Littlefield Library. It was an all day meeting with an exhibition of Indian objects and early colonial utensils suggestive of the Thanksgiving season. The pupils of the Winslow School accompanied by their teachers were welcome visitors. Of special interest to the younger children was a miniature Indian village. In addition could be seen a number of Indian weapons, arrow heads and stone implements. Blankets of Indian weaving and handmade silver jewelry fashioned by western Indians were also displayed. A demonstration of candle dipping was given. Then too there was a showing of iron and tin utensils, and the method used for decorating the tin ware by stencil work. The children also enjoyed a film strip of pictures of Plymouth.

Other subjects discussed during the year were: Old Calling Cards, Fans, Samplers, Treasures, Heraldry and Coats of Arms, Early Schools, and Cooper Shops.

Mrs. Clarence Morton spoke on how the sampler movement developed in America even becoming part of the curriculum of the dame schools. There the girls in making a sampler learned not only the art of fine needlework but also the alphabet and how to spell and read. Some fine examples of samplers were displayed, many having been made by ancestors of the townspeople.

At the June meeting the development of the district school system in Tyngsborough was traced by Mrs. Frederick Lambert. Likewise Mrs. William Hampton did the same for Dunstable. The seven district schools of Tyngsborough were located and described, and also the five in Dunstable. Mrs. Roscoe Turner added considerable information. Letters and articles written by former pupils were read, and pictures of teachers, pupils and buildings added to the enjoyment. On exhibition were fine collections of old text books, bells, slates, rewards of merit, lunch baskets and pails—well remembered impedimenta of district school days.

Of particular interest was the meeting which discussed Cooper Shops. Mrs. Hampton read a paper giving general information about the shops in this region, their tools and practices. Most homes of that period probably had shops where members of the family did some coopering for themselves and also made some things to sell. The Shakers in Harvard were especially famous for their fine craftsmanship. In Tyngsborough, however, there were at least four cooperages of some importance. One on the Bennett Farm in Tyng Road. One was in Kendall Road in the vicinity of the Leonard home. This shop was later moved to the river bank near the railroad tracks. Another shop at the Marshall farm and one at what is now the LeBlanc place. The home shops in Dunstable were busy places. The largest and best known was on the site of the home of the Wells family. Mrs. Ethel Sargent described a shop that had a tank full of water under the building in which staves and hoops were soaked to make them pliable. The coopers made churns, sap buckets, spice boxes, pill boxes, powder kegs, cider barrels, butter molds, and other articles for use in the homes and on the farms. Fine examples of these utensils were shown as illustrations of the coopers' craft.

The officers of the Historical Society for the year have been:

President	Mrs. Elden Staples
First Vice-President	Mrs. Franklin Hammond
Second Vice-President	Mr. Walter Douglas
Recording Secretary	Mr. John E. Barr
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Frederick Lambert
Treasurer	Mrs. Milton Esterbrook
Custodian	Miss Lena Coburn
Historian	Mrs. Frederick Lambert
Auditor	Mr. Roscoe C. Turner

Anyone interested in the history of this region is invited to attend the meetings and new members will be welcomed.

John E. Barr, Secretary

## The Village Players

The Village Players, an organization founded for those interested in the theatre has had a most successful year. Four plays have been produced, "Love Begins at 65," "Dressed to Kill," "Come to Dinner" and "Tom Sawyer." We express our appreciation to all who assisted in their presentation.

Monthly meetings, held at the homes of our members have been both entertaining and instructive, covering such subjects as make-up, lighting, scenery, etc.

You are invited to join The Village Players.

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Betty Vernet, Secretary  
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Preston Fay

Meetings: The first Thursday of each month at the Legion Headquarters.

During the past year Post 247 has continued to prosper and has taken an active part in many community activities.

Gift boxes were placed in the various business establishments in the town just prior to Christmas, and as a result, the Post was able to give the Auxiliary \$55.00 to be used for gifts at the Bedford Hospital.

Donations have been made to the American Red Cross, the Community Chest, the Tyngsborough Beach Association, the Bobby Fund, and the purchase of a Christmas Seal Bond. The Post also contributed to the lighting of the Community Christmas tree.

When the Lowell High football team made its trip to Winston-Salem this season, the Post presented a check to each Tyngsborough boy who made the trip.

Although the Post has been active in the support of the various activities and projects already mentioned, it is keeping an eye to the future when more can be accomplished in Tyngsborough. A Building Fund was established a few years ago. This fund has steadily grown until now it is well over the thousand dollar mark.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919. The Act was amended October 29, 1942, in order to make eligible for membership veterans of World War II. It was amended again December 28, 1950 to make eligible for Legion membership those having served in the Armed Forces of the United States at any time between June 25, 1950 and the cessation of hostilities as fixed by the United States Government and who are honorably discharged or who continue to serve honorably after cessation.

We cordially invite all veterans of Tyngsborough to join this Post and to take an active part in its various services to the community.

Richard O. Starkey, Adjutant

**Report of The V. I. A. Playground Committee**

The work of the playground this season has included complete utilization of present equipment, and the repairing and acquiring of some new apparatus. Some of the many projects were: wood working, clay modeling, cloth printing, the making of scrap-books, corsages, wristlets, and knotboards.

The average daily attendance was 45, reaching a maximum of 85 on the final day. The usual three big events; the treasure hunt, the auction, and the closing day party, took place with large groups attending. The proceeds of our auction paid for the refreshments of our closing party.

The major problem of the playground is the insufficiency of space for the housing of some pieces of apparatus. The present house can not hold all the equipment and it is only through the kindness of neighbors that some tables and the slide can be put inside for the winter.

I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Anna Elliott and Mrs. F. D. Lambert for their untiring work and indispensable advice, and to the many townspeople who have aided with material and served as craft instructors.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Troop 29 Girl Scouts

For the second year Troop 29, Girl Scouts, climaxed their year 1951-52 with a trip to Camp Runels, this time joining with their sister scouts of Troop 118. The weather was perfect, the moon full, the food plentiful and good and for two days the girls lived and practised the scout skills and ideals learned during the year. Dr. Horan examined each girl before our trip and we wish to thank him for his service.

The new season of 1952-53 started in October. We were happy to welcome two new scout leaders, Mrs. Robert Clarke as Assistant Leader and Mrs. Richard Starkey as a new member of our Troop Committee.

In November our first project of the season was the Brownie Fly-up and Investiture. Six Brownies were led from the Brownies by Mrs. Kenneth Porter to Mrs. Morton who invested them, together with three new girls, in Intermediate Scouts, Troop 29. Mothers and Dads of Brownie Troop 30 and Troop 29 were our guests. For their entertainment, the girls presented the farce, "The Lamp Went Out," under the supervision of Mrs. Winston Bostick. Mrs. Forrest Ames rehearsed the dance group and Miss Irene Mitchell and Mrs. Robert Clarke helped the refreshment committee.

Our total registration this year is 27. One First Class Scout, sixteen Second Class and ten Tenderfoot Scouts.

Our new girls have been busy and happy working for their Second Class badge with the help of Nancy Farrow, Carol Gray and Mrs. Robert Clarke.

Mrs. Lambert has conducted a lively folk dance class. Mrs. Morton has helped several with My Troop badge. At present the older girls are working on "Good Grooming" under the supervision of Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. William Shea, Mrs. Russell DeCarteret, Miss Constance Guild and Mrs. Janet Lorman plan to assist Mrs. Clarke.

Nancy Farrow and Lucy Sherburne represent us at the Junior Council and bring us monthly reports which keep us informed of the larger work of scouting.

Plans are nearly completed for our annual International Day. This time it will be a joint meeting with Troop 118.

The Troop Committee, Mrs. Forrest Ames, Chairman, gave their usual valiant service in assisting the girls with the Cookie Sale. We wish to thank the town people who made the sale a success. The proceeds have gone into our Camp Fund. Already the girls are looking forward to June and camping.

On May Day, we remembered the shut-ins in town and our friends at the Old Ladies Home in Lowell.

In conjunction with the other Girl Scout Troops, we provided flowers for the Memorial Day service.

Though there were few calls, we were prepared to baby-sit on Election Day while mothers voted.

At Christmas and on Valentine's Day the girls have enjoyed parties. The Leaders are proud that the girls take full responsibility for these affairs, refreshments, decorations and games.

Again we wish to express our thanks to all those who have helped to make our program possible.

Margaret C. Morton, Leader

Blanche H. Clarke, Asst. Leader

### Ladies' Social Circle

Regular meetings have been held each month during 1952 except in the summer when the July and August meetings are combined. Most of these meetings were held in the homes of the members and were all day sessions at which time those present were busy sewing, knitting and crocheting for various sales. After lunch the regular business meetings were held.

During the year, the ladies have conducted a number of Saturday night suppers, food sales and two fairs, one in the spring and one in the fall. Receipts from these activities enabled the group to pay its church pledge, do some extensive repairs on the church building and help the following associations with donations: "The Red Cross," "Community Chest," "March of Dimes" and other deserving causes.

The annual meeting was held in January and the following officers were elected for 1953: President—Mrs. T. A. Whelan; First Vice President—Mrs. Ethel Sargent; Second Vice President—Mrs. Raymond W. Sherburne; Treasurer—Mrs. Bertrand R. Currier; Secretary—Mrs. Edith M. Bell; Directresses—Mrs. Charles E. Haley, Mrs. Harvey Pineo and Mrs. Horace Clarke; Flower Committee—Mrs. Charles H. Coburn.

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### Boy Scouts of America Tyngsborough Troop 46

Troop 46 of Tyngsboro was inactive during 1951. In the spring of 1952, a new Troop Committee was formed, with the Tyngsborough Grange and the Tyngsborough Volunteer Firemen's Association as the sponsoring units.

Twenty-two boys registered on the troop charter of 1952. Eight more boys registered during the course of the year making a total of thirty Scouts taking part in the activities of Troop 46.

The Troop meets on Wednesday evenings, at 7 o'clock, at Station No. 2 on Lakeview Avenue.

The Troop meetings held at Station No. 2 were augmented by several hikes through the countryside to pre-arranged locations where cookouts were held.

The big event of the year for the Scouts was the Lowell District Camporee which was held in the Dracut State Forest in May. Twenty-one boys from Tyngsboro hiked from Station No. 2 to the campsite, Troop 46 was the only Troop to hike to the Camporee. After placing first in many of the competitive demonstrations, the boys were elated when they were commended for having one of the cleanest campsites at the Camporee.

It is the intention of the troop leaders to expand the outdoor activities in 1953 to make it more interesting for the boys who participate in the Scout program.

Respectfully submitted,  
William O. Bell, Scoutmaster

### Troop 118 Girl Scouts

Since our first Investiture last year Troop 118 has progressed rapidly and we now feel that we are over the "hump." Thanks to Mrs. Clarence Morton of our Sister Troop 29 we weathered our way through what we feel is our initiation to Scouting.

In March the girls worked on their Second Class Badge and with the Leader Mrs. T. Edward Coughlin and the Assistant Leaders, Mrs. Darrell Singleton and Mrs. Fred Shanahan enjoyed a full program of getting acquainted with the many fields of work in Girl Scouting. Two all day hikes were enjoyed; one to the Dracut State Forest with a cookout the high point of the day and the other to the shores of Lake Massacuppic and a day of games and fun. These were part of the requirements in the Second Class work.

In April the girls made Bunnies from ankle socks and brought them to the Tewksbury State Hospital for the children for Easter.

In June with our sister Troop 29, we went to Camp Runels for a weekend of fun in the outdoors. Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Lambert the girls cut and piled wood for the fires. Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Clarke prepared the food and Mrs. Coughlin and Mrs. Singleton took charge of the cooking. We all ate with enthusiasm and the weekend was filled with fun. The beauty contest which brought it to a close was an event worth repeating and Ruby Ducharme of Troop 118 was picked as Miss Tyngsborough of 1952. A good time was had by all.

With the starting of school we began a new year with the new scouts working hard toward their investiture. We now have 34 girls registered which is double our registration of last year. 17 girls have become Second Class Scouts and we have 17 Tenderfoot Scouts. We also have the help of Sandra Bergeron a transfer Scout from Troop 29, as our Junior Assistant Leader.

At Christmas time the girls worked on Scrap books and dolls which were our effort for the children of the Tewksbury State Hospital for their stockings.

We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. John Salmon for her help with the Home Nursing Badge, and to our Neighborhood Chairman Mrs. Maxwell Sherburne for her guidance.

Our thanks goes especially to our Troop Committee of Mrs. Anna Shipley, Chairman, Mrs. Bowers Fuller, Mrs. James A. Dingle, Mrs. Albert Sanford and Mrs. Cornelius M. Shanahan for their cooperation and help with transportation during the past year, and to all the other good neighbors that helped us keep order in our Troop.

Gladys M. Coughlin, Leader

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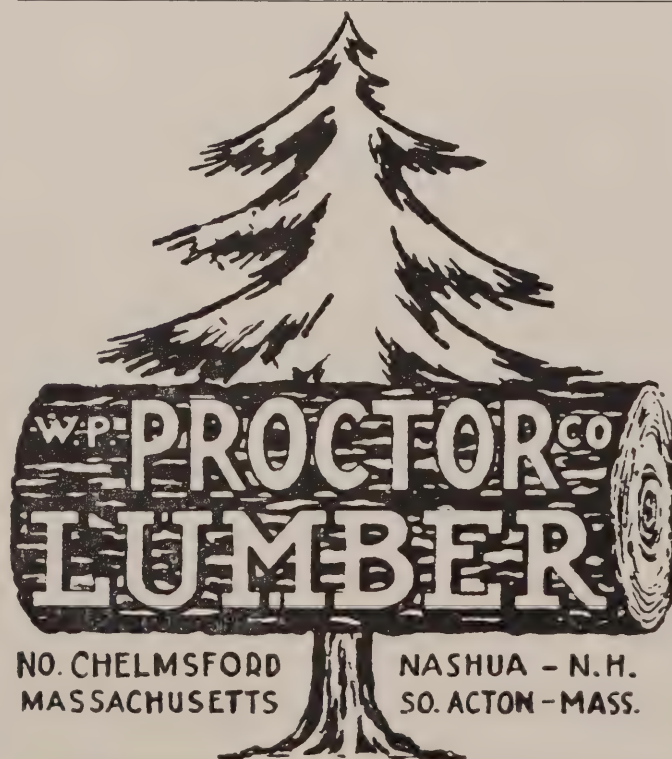
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### Brownie Troop 30

Brownie Troop #30 held an Investiture and First Birthday celebration on March 11, 1952 when nine new members were invested and fourteen Brownies received their attendance pendants with leaders Mrs. Wilbur C. Farrow, Mrs. Avis Clarke, and Mrs. Kenneth Porter in charge. "The Brownie Story," which suggests the ideals and objectives of the Brownie Scout program, was dramatized by the following girls: Sandra Wilkins, as the father; Janice Landry, grandmother; Lee Betz, Mary; Evelyn Price, Tommy; Mary Jo Faulkner, as the wise old owl, and Ramona Morton, Priscilla Cabana and Carol Gilinson, Readers.

On May 10th fourteen Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Farrow and Mrs. Avis Clarke journeyed to Lowell for the annual Brownie May Day with transportation being furnished by Mrs. Martin Betz, and Mrs. Clarence Carlin. This event is held for all Greater Lowell Brownies and is eagerly looked forward to by the girls.

Linda Carlin and Sandra Wilkins represented the Brownie Troop at the Memorial Day exercises.

The "Fly-Up" ceremony was held in conjunction with Parents Night on the evening of November 14 with five girls "flying-up" into the Intermediate Scout program. The girls were: Lee Betz, Janice Landry, Ramona Morton, Evelyn Price, Sandra Wilkins, and Mary Jo Faulkner.

The girls enjoyed parties to celebrate the Holidays throughout the year and had arts and craft projects and song and game periods at regular meetings.

The troop committee held a Peanut Sale in the fall to supplement the troop treasury and purchased Girl Scout Handbooks for the "fly-ups."

The leaders would like to express their appreciation for the cooperation of the troop committee and the parents who furnished transportation after the meetings and on Brownie May Day.

Helen M. Farrow, Leader

### Bird Notes

"Think of your woods and orchards without birds!"

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Will bleat of flocks or bellowing of herds

Make up for the lost music, when your teams

Drag home the stingy harvest, and no more

The feathered gleaners follow to your door?

You call them thieves and pillagers; but know,

They are the winged wardens of your farms,

Who from the cornfields drive the insidious foe,

And from your harvests keep a hundred harms."

—The Birds of Killingworth.

The hundred years that have elapsed since Longfellow wrote his touching tribute have seen great progress in the preservation and increase of bird life. Federal law forbids the killing of insect-eating birds because of their value to agriculture, and of migratory game birds. With a few exceptions, hawks and owls have been found valuable and given protection.

This community has long been outstanding in the interest shown by its "Bird Watchers" old and young. Many newcomers soon share their enthusiasm, and find birding an added attraction to town living.

Interest is stimulated by Grange sponsored activities. First and second grade pupils of the Winslow School, in visits to the Littlefield Library, are shown the mounted specimens of useful and colorful birds, as well as the Library's extensive collection of eggs. During the migration last spring the six higher grades were led on ten morning walks when about fifty varieties of birds were observed.

Annual awards for occupied bird houses,—by bluebirds, tree swallows, and wrens,—were given fifteen girls and fourteen boys. Small prizes were given for submitted lists of identified birds: One hundred and sixty-nine pupils passed the requirements for these awards. Thanks are due the Winslow staff for their cooperation.

Householders have reported feeding, during the winter, chickadees, nuthatches, hairy and downy woodpeckers, juncos, tree sparrows, purple finches, bluejays, starlings, gold finches, pheasants, pine siskins, crows, and evening grosbeaks.

A good collection of interesting bird books, with fine illustrations, is available at the Littlefield Library.

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### Tyngsborough Girl Scouts

Tyngsborough now has two Brownie Troops and two Intermediate Troops of Girl Scouts. In the center of town, we have Brownie Troop 30, under the leadership of Mrs. Wilbur Farrow with Mrs. Kenneth Porter as assistant. Intermediate Troop 29 has as its leader Mrs. Clarence Morton with Mrs. Robert Clarke assisting. These troops meet at the Winslow School.

In the east side of town, Intermediate Troop 118 is in charge of Mrs. T. Edward Coughlin with Mrs. Cornelius Shanahan as assistant leader. A new Brownie Troop 125 was organized last October. The leaders are Mrs. Marcella Swift and her assistant Mrs. William Bell. These two troops meet at the #2 Firehouse.

Last year our Intermediate Troops participated in the Fortieth Birthday celebration of the Greater Lowell Girl Scouts which was held at the Memorial Auditorium March 15. They furnished part of the stage program and also prepared an excellent exhibition of campcraft. Early in June, these troops also enjoyed a week-end of camping at Camp Runels, Pelham. The details of these activities will be found in the following reports.

We are fortunate to bring scouting to so many girls and hope to organize a senior troop in the near future.

I feel sure our townspeople appreciate the time and effort spent by our excellent leaders and troop committees to help our girls become fine American women.

Bernice M. Sherburne,  
Neighborhood Chairman

### Cub Scout Activities

With the interruption of the Cub Scout program came a void in organized activity for the boy under Boy Scout age. During the summer this void was filled by the Junior League Baseball project, but from September on stretched months of inactivity for the eight to eleven year old. Because the benefits in recreation, manual skills, and wood-lore had been so obvious during the Cub Scout days and because the spirit of comradeship had been so well developed it seemed expedient to try to fill the vacancy.

With this thought in mind we have tried to provide a program designed along the Cub Scout ideas. The overall theme has been "Indian." During the months from September on the boys have built an Indian lean-too, learned to weave Indian style, observed the ways of the Indian in the wood, and fashioned bows and arrows. Sidelights, but pertinent to the program as a whole, have been the making of bird feeding stations, the study of the compass and map making, and of course, the seasonal partying of Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day.

We have been fortunate in having the generous cooperation of Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Miss Anna F. Elliott, Mrs. R. D. Lambert and Mr. Maxwell Sherburne. Best of all has been the wonderful enthusiasm of the boys. You can not recognize them by uniform, but we hope you will know them by performance, now and in the years to come. By name they are: Stephen Ames, Robert Brick, James Choate, Richard Choate, Robert Cobleigh, Ben Crowley, Robert Gray, Dennis LeBlanc, Richard Lustig, Donald McPhee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Forrest Ames  
Mrs. Paul Crowley

### Brownie Troop 125

On December 27, 1952, Brownie Troop 125 held its first Investiture when nine girls were invested by their leaders. The girls invited their mothers and the troop committee served refreshments. Girls invested were: Lorraine Bergeron, Pauline Bergeron, Jeanne Bourgeault, Paulette Bourgeault, Claudette Chouinard, Carol Chute, Karen Flanders, Mary Pierce and Karen Ann Swift. Another member of our troop is Lillian Cabana. Leaders for the troop are Mrs. Marcella Swift and Mrs. Rita Bell.

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## Births for 1952

Jan. 15—Suzan Marie Bourgeault—Gerard H. and Gertrude A. Dube  
 Jan. 19—Richard Allen Kendall—Donald E. and Rita M. Bishop  
 Jan. 20—Marilyn Joyce Knisley—Lowell E. and Doris M. Adams  
 Jan. 28—Ilg—Victor and Elizabeth Stevens  
 Feb. 18—Mary Elizabeth Lynch—Charles J. and Nora G. McLarnon  
 Feb. 22—George Armand Langlois—Raymond J. and Theresa R. M. Eno  
 Mar. 5—Lynne Ann Jordan—George M. and Loretta G. Robinson  
 Mar. 9—Lorna Rose Morton—Frederick J. and Muriel A. Sargent  
 Mar. 10—Paul Joseph Gavlik—Kazimiase and Pauline Boudreau  
 Mar. 10—Alexander Charles Graham—Alexander J. and Alice Kokinacis  
 Mar. 13—David Robert Emerson—William Joseph and Dorothy Elmira Pond  
 Mar. 15—Michael Adrian Raymond LeClair—Raymond J. and Anna B. Sicard  
 Mar. 24—Chris Joseph Bunker—Robert Edward and Dora Kathleen Gouthro  
 Apr. 10—Jo Ann Pelletier—Joseph A. and Mary L. Drake  
 Apr. 24—Snay—Ernest and Mary Fitzpatrick  
 May 1—John Charles Mackey—John J. and Janice M. Morrison  
 May 6—Michael Denis Bevins—Francis and Eunice Pelletier  
 May 12—Suzanne Michele Poulin—Roger R. and Cecile H. Gaudreault  
 May 19—John Joseph Patenaude—Joseph A. and Patricia M. Daly  
 May 22—Dean Mark Johnson—Stanley A. and Margaret E. Bradley  
 May 23—Charlene Louise Morton—Charles A. and Juanita E. Sargent  
 May 25—Lynn Marie Langlois—Leo N. and Loretta A. Roy  
 May 27—Constance Elaine Dunning—Raymond K. and Claire L. Burton  
 May 30—Richard Wesley Dodge—Elmer Gustav and Winona Jessie Noyes  
 June 9—Jeff Ewing Hancock—John R. and Jeane E. Ewing  
 July 3—James Allan Burris—Herbert A. and Jean P. Taylor  
 July 16—Francis Alan Grout—Edwin J. and Doris E. Marchildon  
 Aug. 4—Edna Rena Lausier—Edmond and Marie Mercier (Twins)  
 Aug. 4—Rita Alma Lausier—Edmond and Marie Mercier  
 Aug. 9—Jo Ann Shirley Legere—Rudolph R. and Claire Hamelin  
 Aug. 9—Richard Norman Gauthier—Richard P. and Inez C. Dove  
 Sept. 1—Margaret Mary O'Coin—Charles Lawrence and Rosemarie Teresa Simpson  
 Sept. 3—Richard Paul Zukowski—Henry R. and Pauline Chancey  
 Sept. 7—Paul Victor Landry—Edgar E. and Alice Christian  
 Sept. 15—Barbara Marie Claire Dube—Rodolphe A. and Claire Baharakes  
 Sept. 15—Robert Allan Nolet—Edward E. and Ethel O'Leary  
 Oct. 1—Richard Ludgerio Cortez—Ludgerio F. and Barbara J. Starling  
 Oct. 9—Michael Arthur Jankowski—Stanley A. and Shirley M. Williams  
 Oct. 10—Kathleen Kisley—Anthony and Ruth E. Lorman (Twins)  
 Oct. 10—Karen Kisley—Anthony and Ruth E. Lorman  
 Oct. 21—Deborah Anne Janesko—Walter J. and Victoria Giniewicz  
 Oct. 22—Ivan Richard Whitney—Donald A. and Mildred V. Sabeau  
 Oct. 23—David Arthur Patenaude—Robert L. and M. Ruth Bernier  
 Oct. 29—Thomas Gerard Makevich—Walter J. and Esther M. Coleman  
 Oct. 31—Anne Marie Cryan—Francis D. and Margaret G. Hurley  
 Nov. 7—Mary Ellen Smith—Arthur J. and Theresa Patenaude  
 Nov. 7—Paul Mercier—Alphonse H. and Rita I. Boutin  
 Nov. 12—Pivrotto—Harold and Jeannette Morin  
 Nov. 26—Ryan—Robert and Viola Soucy  
 Nov. 27—Karen Elizabeth Wholey—Leonard and Margaret Flanagan  
 Nov. 27—Carol Lee Turner—Frank Swift and June J. Paquette  
 Dec. 16—Morning—John and Pauline Morin  
 Dec. 16—Tanguay—Raymond and Jean Madden  
 Dec. 17—Stephens—Richard and Eleanor Harrison  
 Dec. 20—Mozingo—Arthur and Jeanne Nolet  
 Dec. 24—Fazel—Paul and Ethel Mann

## Marriages for 1952

Jan. 1—Rodney Decarteret and Dorothy Daigle  
 Jan. 3—Douglas B. Lorman and Lorraine Theresa Nance  
 Feb. 22—Frederick M. Derbyshire and Gertrude L. Greene  
 Mar. 1—Raymond Eugene Delisle and Betty Ann Hastings  
 Mar. 6—William A. Spenard and Theresa Courtemanche  
 Mar. 8—Reginald P. Hoyt and Helen Ryan  
 Mar. 15—George Eugene Ray and Eleanor Frances Conley  
 Mar. 21—Eugene Alphonse Levesque and Elizabeth Pearl Blair  
 Mar. 29—Ralph Martin Maki and Card Jean Leblanc  
 Apr. 5—Chester William Warley and Simonne Therese Brodeur  
 Apr. 24—Albert Roland Dupont and Rita Carmel Beausoleil  
 May 3—Rudolph E. Legere and Shirley A. Sarakas  
 May 3—Albert Eugene Hill and Marion Elizabeth Burgess  
 June 15—Frank DeFeo and Gertrude F. Giguere  
 June 22—William C. Morton and Barbara Knickle  
 June 25—Joseph Rudolph Farmer and Bertha R. Simard  
 July 14—Clarence Elliott Ellison and Mildred Louise Warren  
 July 29—Cornelius M. Shanahan and Ruth A. Dearth  
 July 28—George English and Laura M. L. Morel (Gregoire)  
 Aug. 14—Emile Romeo Fortin, Jr. and Madeline Ruth Lyon  
 Aug. 25—Normand Robert Brisette and Patricia Berube  
 Aug. 30—Frank Loquask and Dolores Lucille Bourassa  
 Sept. 13—William Edward Shea and Ruth (Wade) Crane  
 Oct. 2—Howard Elmer Shute and Agnes Viola Sawyers  
 Oct. 5—Roy Eric Anderson and Norma Jane French  
 Oct. 11—Lyle Gorham Carter and Mary E. Miller  
 Oct. 25—Arnold Markham Ryder and Marjorie Winfield Pineo  
 Nov. 9—Thomas Ryan and Patricia A. Rafferty  
 Nov. 15—Emile Joseph Frenette and Jeanne Marie Lamarche  
 Dec. 4—Leo Joseph Ferron, Jr. and Charlotte Ruth Hoyt  
 Dec. 20—Laurier Fortin and Ann E. Marinel  
 Dec. 30—Harold R. Jordan and Maria Gertrude Julicher

## Deaths for 1952

Jan. 1—Melvin W. Cass  
 Jan. 31—Alexander Moore  
 Feb. 4—William L. (Willie) Littlehale  
 Feb. 5—William O'Neil  
 Feb. 6—Alfred C. Robideaux  
 Feb. 13—Norman Gulline  
 Feb. 29—Grace O'Neil (nee Donovan)  
 Mar. 22—Sarah Dixon (nee Chard)  
 Apr. 1—Andrew Dunlap  
 Apr. 10—Edward Scott Cudhea  
 Apr. 16—Jeremiah J. Dean  
 Apr. 22—Mary B. (Farrow) Lorman  
 Apr. 25—Eva L. Connor (nee Butters)  
 May 14—Mrs. Melina (Bedard) Trudeau  
 May 30—Katherine F. Flanagan (nee Boyden)  
 June 15—Beatrice A. (Lord) Shea  
 June 15—Napoleon Pouliotte  
 June 27—Mary Ellen Conlon (Mitchell)  
 July 4—William M. Maher  
 July 18—Miss Alice Couillard  
 July 24—Rudolph Camara  
 July 26—Mabel Elizabeth (Stanley) Ellis  
 Aug. 9—Mary E. Kirby  
 Aug. 11—Clara Manda Everett  
 Aug. 18—Susan Steele  
 Aug. 29—Mary (Whitehouse) Chapman  
 Sept. 3—Sister Francis Regina SND (Mary McCarthy)  
 Sept. 6—Harry Taylor Wolcott  
 Sept. 21—Margaret (Arthur) Cochran  
 Sept. 23—Charon Dudley Archer  
 Sept. 25—Lavinia McAlpine (nee Paton)  
 Oct. 23—Emma M. Cassie (nee Poirier)  
 Oct. 24—Stillborn  
 Dec. 25—Carol Jean Fazel



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